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B.C.G. Vaccination.

* 244 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to introduce the B.C.G. Vaccination on a mass scale in the districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the centres selected for the same in the district of Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The whole of Malabar district will be taken up for B.C.G. Vaccination beginning with urban areas first."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of introducing B.C.G. Vaccination campaign in all the taluk headquarters hospitals, particularly in Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" B.C.G. Vaccination will be done first in the district headquarters station. In the second round, smaller towns and municipalities will be taken up and ultimately it will be introduced in villages, Sir."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know why the Government make a discrimination in this matter by starting this campaign only in Malabar and not in other parts of the State? When do they propose to extend the scheme to the other parts?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No discrimination is made in favour of Malabar. This B.C.G. campaign began in Coimbatore city on the 14th of last month and from there it will be extended to other places."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Is there any truth in the statement that the B.C.G. Vaccination does not produce the desired effect but on the other hand is producing a reaction? Under these circumstances, will the Government take steps to propagate the utility of this vaccination?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Propaganda work is also done in connexion with this campaign. I do not know under what authority the hon. Member is saying that this vaccination is harmful. The almost unanimous opinion of tuberculosis experts of not only this country but also the whole World is that B.C.G. Vaccination is quite useful and it gives increased resistance."

Rowdy sheets in the Mankara Police Station, South Malabar.

* 245 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of persons for whom rowdy sheets were maintained in the Mankara Police Station, Palghat taluk, South Malabar, in the last two years? 11-20 a.m.